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Method and Device for the Production of Reticular Structures

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To: Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application being filed with this petition as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

**Method and Device for the Production of Reticular Structures**

[1] This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the parent application DE 199 39 155.6, filed on August 20, 1999 and PCT application PCT/DE00/02597, filed on August 4, 2000.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

[2] This invention relates to a method of producing reticular structures, and particularly, to the production of metallic reticular structures, as well as to a device suitable therefor.